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## Nevada Hay Prices

Hay prices in October were up for all hay and alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures. Prices were down for all other hay. The all hay price, at \$122.00 per ton, is up \$2.00 from September and \$22.00 from last October. Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures also came in at \$122.00 per ton, up \$2.00 from last month. All other hay came in at \$110.00 per ton, down \$15.00 from last month. All other hay is comprised of grain and grain mixtures, timothy, clover, wild, prairie, range, and other types.

## National Hay Prices

On the national level, All Hay, Alfalfa and Alfalfa mixtures, and All Other Hay were up slightly from September to October. The all hay price, at \$113 per ton, is up \$2.00 from September and \$8.00 from last October. The national price for alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures came in at \$118.00 per ton, up \$1.00 from last month. All other hay came in at \$96.90 per ton, up \$1.70 from last month.

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## *Quarterly Milk Production*

The July-September 2010 quarterly milk production for Nevada totaled 158 million pounds, 3.3 percent above last year's 153 million pounds and 2.6 percent above last quarter. The average number of milk cows, at 28,000, is unchanged from last year and last quarter.

Milk production in the U.S. during the July - September quarter totaled 48.1 billion pounds, up 2.7 percent from the July - September quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.12 million head, 32,000 head less than the same period last year.

### **Milk Cows and Production: By Quarter, United States, 2009-2010<sup>1</sup>**

	Cows		Milk Per Cow <sup>3</sup>		Milk Production <sup>3</sup>		
Quarter	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	Change From 2009
	----		----- Lbs.		-----		Percent
Jan. - Mar.	9,295	9,091	5,097	5,209	47,374	47,352	0.0
Apr. - Jun.	9,262	9,111	5,278	5,461	48,888	49,753	1.8
Jul. - Sept.	9,155	9,123	5,111	5,269	46,793	48,071	2.7
Oct. - Dec.	9,090	---	5,090	---	46,265	---	---
<b>Annual</b>	<b>9,201</b>		<b>20,579</b>		<b>189,32</b>		

<sup>1</sup> May not add due to rounding.

<sup>2</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh

<sup>3</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

## *October Crop & Weather Summary*

Warmer than normal temperatures and several storm systems bringing plenty of precipitation dominated the month's weather. Las Vegas recorded the monthly high at 96 degrees. Ely recorded the lowest temperature of the month at 16 degrees. Winnemucca recorded the most precipitation with 2.72 inches. Reno was a close second recording 2.65 inches. Pasture and range conditions were declining seasonally. Onion, potato, alfalfa seed, and garlic harvest finished. Seasonal onions were being taken to sheds for sorting, bagging, and shipping. Livestock producers worked to gather livestock for market and to move herds to winter pastures. Main farm and ranch activities include: harvest of hay, weed control, equipment maintenance, and planting of fall-seeded crops.

Station	High	Low	Avg.	De- parture From Normal	Precip- itation
Reno	93	28	55.9	3.9	2.65
Elko	92	21	50.4	3.7	1.87
Ely	86	16	48.2	2.8	1.33
Winnemucca	94	21	51.9	3.1	2.72
Eureka	89	17	49.8	3.8	1.37
Tonopah	83	21	53.9	1.0	0.89
Las Vegas	96	49	70.4	1.7	0.82

## *Alfalfa Hay Forecast*

**Nevada:** The October 1 hay production forecast is 1.288 million tons, down 2 percent from 2009. Yield is forecast at 4.60 tons/acre. Area harvested for hay, at 280,000 acres, matches last year's level. Some growers were finishing with the third cutting and fourth cutting was underway during the survey period.

**United States:** Production of dry hay is forecast at 71.3 million tons, up fractionally from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.44 tons per acre, compared with 3.35 tons per acre in 2009. Harvested area is estimated at 20.7 million acres, 2 percent less than last year's acreage.

Alfalfa & Alfalfa Mixtures for Hay: Area Harvested, Yield, & Production for 11 Western States and the United States, 2008, 2009 and Forecasted October 1, 2010

State	Area Harvested		Yield		Production		
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010
	-- 1,000 Acres --		-- Tons/Acre --		-- 1,000 Tons --		
AZ	280	300	8.50	8.90	2,236	2,380	2,670
CA	980	930	7.10	6.80	7,210	6,958	6,324
CO	850	840	3.90	4.10	2,706	3,315	3,444
ID	1,140	1,140	4.20	4.10	4,972	4,788	4,674
MT	1,700	1,800	2.10	2.20	3,040	3,570	3,960
<b>NV</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>4.70</b>	<b>4.60</b>	<b>1,296</b>	<b>1,316</b>	<b>1,288</b>
NM	240	220	5.10	5.20	1,300	1,224	1,144
OR	400	410	4.50	3.90	1,680	1,800	1,599
UT	530	540	4.20	4.10	2,310	2,226	2,214
WA	490	430	4.90	4.50	1,804	2,401	1,935
WY	690	670	2.50	2.40	1,537	1,725	1,608
US	21,227	20,732	3.35	3.44	70,180	71,030	71,326



## *Pasture and Range*

Pasture and Range Crop Condition, Percent Rating Good or Better

Week Ending October 31, 2010

